

# Losengo language

**Losengo** (Lusengo) is a Bantu language spoken in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It has had a significant effect on Lingala, the most important Bantu language in the two Congos.

Maho (2009) lists the following dialects:<sup>[5]</sup>

- Poto (Pfoto), including Yakata
- Mpesa (Limpesa)
- Mbudza (*cf.* the related Budza language)
- Mangala (Ngala) [the name of the Bangi lingua franca that became Lingala]
- Loki (Boloki)
- Kangana
- Ndolo

(Yamongeri, however, is a variety of Mongo.)

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Losengo	
<b>Native to</b>	Democratic Republic of the Congo
<b>Native speakers</b>	(67,000 cited 1983–2002) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	<div>Niger–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Atlantic–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Benue–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bantoid<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bantu (Zone C)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bangi–Ntomba (C.30)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Zamba–Binza<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Losengo languages<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Losengo</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></div>
Language codes	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	<div>lse – inclusive code Individual codes: bkt – Boloki ndl – Ndolo</div>
<b>Glottolog</b>	<div>luse1252 (<a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/luse1252">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/luse1252</a>) Lusengo<sup>[2]</sup> ndol1238 (<a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/ndol1238">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/ndol1238</a>) Ndolo<sup>[3]</sup> bolo1262 (<a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/bolo1262">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/bolo1262</a>) Boloki<sup>[4]</sup></div>
<b>Guthrie code</b>	c.36 <sup>[5]</sup>

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